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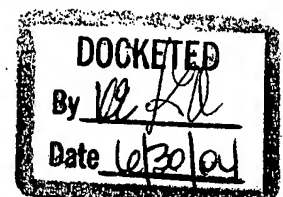
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WITNESSETH: That,

WHEREAS, we are the joint inventors of certain new and useful improvements in HEAD RESTRAINT FOR A VEHICLE SEAT for which an application for United States Letters Patent has been executed by us concurrently herewith; and

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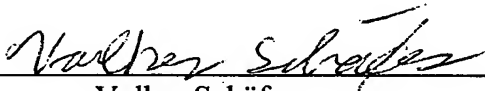
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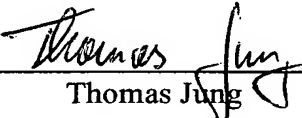
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